HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

Introduced by:	Davis

A HOUSE RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Ball State University Debate Team for winning the 2005 National Championship in the National Educational Debate Association tournament.

Whereas, The Ball State University Debate Team competed in the National Championship on April 2nd and 3rd 2005, fielding teams for the Open Policy Debate, Novice Policy Debate, and Lincoln-Douglas Debate;

Whereas, The Ball State University Debate Team hosted and won the National Educational Debate Association (NEDA) event:

Whereas, NEDA is a collegiate debate association emphasizing typical public forum debate with colleges competing at eight tournaments each year including the National Tournament;

Whereas, Members of the Ball State University Debate Team included: Seniors Brett Mock, Kristina Moorhead, Amanda Carpenter, and Ian Flores; Junior Joe McGowan;

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Sophomores Lori Pullan and Becky Tucker; and Freshmen Jenny Shea and Dallis Pike;

Whereas, Under the coaching of Mike Bauer, Ball State had a team in each of the three division final rounds, and two students, Senior, Kristina Moorhead and Senior, Amanda Carpenter were named debate team All-Americans;

Whereas, Students with top performances at the national championships included Senior Amanda Carpenter, who defended her title in the Lincoln-Douglas style debate; Freshman Jennifer Shea and Junior Joe McGowan both finished second in the Novice Policy division; and Seniors Brett Mock, and Kristina Moorhead were second in the Open Policy division;

Whereas, Other students qualifying for honors included Junior Ian Flores, a quarter finalist in the Lincoln-Douglas debate; Freshman Dallis Pike, a semifinalist in the Lincoln-Douglas debate; and Junior Lori Pullan and Freshman Becky Tucker were semifinalists in Novice Policy;

Whereas, Speaker Awards went to Brett Mock who placed seventh in Open Policy; Kristina Moorhead who placed ninth in Open Policy; Jenny Shea who placed first in Novice Policy; and Lori Pullan who place ninth in Novice Policy;

Whereas, Head Coach Mike Bauer, Assistant Coaches Donny Peters and Nathan Wade, and Captain Brett Mock should be commended for their contributions of time and effort in guiding these champions to victory;

Whereas, In the final weeks of the season the team came together for their best team performance of the year; and

Whereas, Their collective performances led to Ball State being crowned the 2005 National Champions and the coaches and team are to be commended for their dedication and hard work and congratulated for their outstanding accomplishments in the field of debating: Therefore,

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Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives do honor and congratulate the Ball State University Debate Team for winning the 2005 National Championship in the National Educational Debate Association tournament.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit copies of this Resolution to Mike Bauer, Donny Peters, Nathan Wade, Brett Mock, Kristina Moorhead, Amanda Carpenter, Ian Flores, Joe McGowan, Lori Pullan, Becky Tucker, Jenny Shea, and Dallis Pike.

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